The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1   1 (Original). An information providing system comprising:

2   a printer;

3   a user terminal connected to said printer and sending print information to said

4   printer; and

5   an information providing server delivering information via a communication

6   line,

7   wherein said printer comprises:

8   means for acquiring the information delivered from said information

9   providing server, said means for acquiring the information being connected to said

10   information providing server via the communication line;

11   means for printing the acquired information according to a print

12   instruction received from said user terminal; and

13   means for notifying an amount of information acquired from said

14   information providing server and printed,

15   wherein said user terminal comprises:

16   means for sending a print instruction to said printer; and

17   means for setting a print format of the information, which is acquired

18   from said information providing server, in said printer, and

19   wherein said information providing server comprises:

20   means for calculating a total of the amount of information notified by

21   said printer.

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1   2 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2   printer prints the information when the information is acquired from said information
3   providing server.

1   3 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2   printer prints the information when the information acquired from said information
3   providing server is updated from the information acquired last.

1   4 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2   said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer prints
3   the information, which is acquired from said information providing server, in a
4   margin of the print medium.

1   5 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2   said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer prints
3   the information, which is acquired from said information providing server, in a
4   margin of the print medium, said print margin being produced by reducing a
5   predetermined print field of the information.

1   6 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2   said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer
3   combines the information acquired from said information providing server and prints
4   the information in a blank portion of a print field of the information.

1   7 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2   printer prints the information, which is acquired from said information providing
3   server, on a reverse side of the print medium on which the information from said user
4   terminal is to be printed.

1 8 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein the
2 communication line is a line connected to the Internet.

1 9 (Original). An information providing method comprising the steps of:
2   (a) storing, by an information provider, information into an information
3 providing server;
4   (b) by a printer of a customer, acquiring the information stored in said
5 information providing server, printing the information on a print medium, and
6 notifying an amount of the printed information to said information providing server;
7 and
8   (c) paying consideration to the customer by the information provider based on
9 the notified amount of information.

1 10 (Original). The information providing method as defined by claim 9 wherein said
2 information providing server and said printer are connected via the Internet.

1 11 (Original). An information providing method comprising the steps of:
2   (a) storing, by an information provider, information into an information
3 providing server;
4   (b) lending printer from the information provider to a customer;
5   (c) by said printer, acquiring the information stored in said information
6 providing server, printing the information on a print medium, and notifying an
7 amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and
8   (d) collecting, by the information provider, an amount of value corresponding
9 to a rental charge of said printer from the customer based on the notified amount of
10 information.

1   12 (Original). The information providing method as defined by claim 11 wherein said
2   information providing server and said printer are connected via the Internet.

1   13 (Original). An information providing system comprising:
2   an information providing server having means for storing information to be
3   provided to customers;
4   means for setting a printer at a customer so as to acquire the information
5   stored in said information providing server, to print the information, and to notify an
6   amount of the printed information to said information providing server;
7   wherein said information providing server comprising means for paying the
8   customer by an information provider based on the notified amount of the printed
9   information.

1   14 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 13 wherein said
2   information providing server and said printer are connected via an Internet.

1   15 (Original). An information providing system comprising:
2   an information providing server having means for storing, by an information
3   provider, information to be provided to customers;
4   means for registering a printer lent from the information provider to a
5   customer;
6   means for setting said printer so as to acquire the information stored in said
7   information providing server, to print the acquired information, and to notify an
8   amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and
9   means for collecting a rental charge of said printer from the customer based on
10 the notified amount of information.

1   16 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 15 wherein said

2   information providing server and said printer are connected via an Internet.

1   17 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 15, wherein said

2   means for setting the printer includes a program which performs said setting through

3   being accessed by said printer.

1   18 (Original). A computer readable program product for performing an information

2   providing service, the program product comprising the steps of;

3   (a) storing information to be provided to customers in an information

4   providing server;

5   (b) setting a printer at a customer so as to acquire the information stored in

6   said information providing server, to print the information, and to notify an amount of

7   the printed information to said information providing server;

8   (c) paying the customer based on the notified amount of the printed

9   information.

1   19 (Original). A computer readable program product for performing an information

2   providing service, the program product comprising the steps of;

3   (a) storing information to be provided to customers in an information

4   providing server;

5   (b) registering a printer lent from an information provider to a customer;

6   (c) setting said printer so as to acquire the information stored in said

7   information providing server, to print the acquired information, and to notify an

8   amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and

9   (d) collecting an amount of value corresponding to a rental charge of said

10   printer from the customer based on the notified amount of the printed information.

1   20 (Original). The program product as defined by claim 19, wherein said amount of

2   value corresponds to a rental charge less an amount associated with the notified

3   amount of the printer information.

1   21 (New). A printer connectable to a user terminal which receives information from

2   an information providing server via a communication line and sends said information

3   to the printer with a print instruction and sets a print format for the information, and

4   wherein the information providing server can calculate a total of the amount of

5   information notified by said printer, said printer comprising:

6   means for acquiring the information delivered from said information

7   providing server, said means for acquiring the information being connected to said

8   information providing server via the communication line;

9   means for printing the acquired information according to a print

10   instruction received from said user terminal; and

11   means for notifying an amount of information acquired from said

12   information providing server and printed.

1   22 (New). A printer connectable to a user terminal which receives information from

2   an information providing server via a communication line and sends said information

3   to the printer with a print instruction and sets a print format for the information, and

4   wherein the information providing server can calculate a total of the amount of

5   information notified by said printer, said printer comprising:

6   a printhead which prints the acquired information according to a print

7   instruction received from said user terminal; and

8   an information processor which acquires information delivered from

9   said information providing server via the communication line, and which provides

10   notification of an amount of information acquired from said information providing

11   server and printed.